



## **Waukesha County Offender Reentry Employment Program**

The Waukesha County Offender Reentry Employment Program, which began in January 2010, provides services to help unemployed Waukesha County Huber Facility inmates secure permanent, stable employment, enabling them to fulfill their responsibilities to their families and community in order to live productive lives, free of criminal activity.

The Offender Reentry Employment Program seeks to reduce recidivism by helping offenders find work, easing the transition back into the community after being released from custody. Offenders reentering the community are most vulnerable to failure in the early stages after release from jail or prison since they face the challenges of adjusting to freedom, temptations, and everyday responsibilities.

The offender population confronts many barriers to employment, such as low education levels, stigma, criminal history, lack of skills and lost time in the labor force. Finding a stable and adequate source of income upon release from jail is an important factor in an individual's successful transition back to the community.